

It really seemed swell to have two whole days off, but didn't it seem good to be back to work? Makes one feel like trying harder than ever to stay on the job and back up our boys who had "no days off" at the front.

**Headquarters**

The Military and civilian personnel residents of the depot and the military personnel of Ordnance held their Christmas party at the club Sunday, December 24. Santa arrived in good "spirits" and presented all the children with a gift. A pot luck dinner was served at 6:00 p. m.

Congratulations are in order for Lt. Milliman and Lt. Firstenberg who are now "sporting" silver bars.

Beryl Logue spent the holidays at her home in Huntington, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davison were in Portland several days last week.

Personnel of Mail and Record enjoyed a Christmas party at the recreational hall in Victory Square Saturday evening.

**Personnel**

Nadyne McKenzie spent the holidays with her parents in Adams, Oregon.

Personnel had a Christmas party Saturday through the lunch hour with lots of candy and "goodies". Mr. Smith aptly played the role of Santa.

The \$64.00 question this week is—Why Estie Correa came to work Tuesday all smiles and "bubbling over"? The answer is that she's wearing a "bea-oo-ti-ful" diamond on her left hand! Congratulations, Estie! Who's the lucky fellow?

LaVelle Hunt visited her parents in Baker over the holidays.

Theresa Frazier is enjoying a weeks vacation with friends in Wallawa.

**Fiscal**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Marlow Sunday evening.

Ella Smith is a new employee. Elsie Holmstrom is visiting her parents in Helena, Montana, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Finley visited Mr. Finley's parents in Milton over the holidays.

**Control**

Pvt. Arvid Brown from Camp Roberts, California, arrived Sunday to visit his wife, Mrs. Eileen Brown. They will spend a few days in Portland.

Betty Miller and Alice Carmichael spent the holidays in Milton, Oregon.

**Payroll**

Payroll had a Christmas party Saturday through the lunch hour. They exchanged gifts and had a pot luck lunch.

Delores Moran is on annual leave visiting her brother who is home on a furlough from the Aleutians.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chastain and daughter Elizabeth from Pasco, Washington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Chastain over the week end.

Misses Betty and Shirley Jukneke visited relatives in Connell, Washington, Sunday and Monday.

**Medical Corps**

Sgt. M. A. Kope arrived Wednesday, December 20, from Camp Haan, Calif. He has been assigned to Medical Corps here.

Sharley Norton is back after her Christmas holidays spent in Clarkston, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho, with friends and that one "very important" person.

From reports made by those attending the Hospital Mess Christmas dinner, the occasion is something to look back on with reminiscent sighs of enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rosenbaum enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas visiting friends and relatives in Wapato, Wash.

All in all, Christmas was very nice to look back on by all the Hospital Staff; it was even made more complete by a Christmas baby being born to Shirley Nash and husband Jack, who is in the armed forces.

**Safety**

Norma Harris is visiting her mother in Great Falls, Montana, who is recuperating from an operation.

**Utilities**

Woodrow Wilson spent the holidays in Wenatchee, Wash., with relatives. When he returned he brought his family with him who have been visiting there.

John Grant left Saturday for Havre, Montana, to visit his father who is ill.

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## HERMISTON ROD AND GUN CLUB LAUNCHES ERADICATION PLAN

### PRIZES LISTED FOR CONTEST

The Hermiston Rod & Gun club is again offering cash and merchandise prizes for the eradication of predatory animals. The organization has not been active the past three years. Since that time the magpies, crows, skunks, coyotes and other predators have taken their toll of crops and livestock.

The program will be handled on the points system as follows:

Animal	No.	Points
Old coyote	50	
Young coyote	25	
Old skunks	10	
Young skunks	5	
Old weasels	10	
Young weasels	5	
Birds		
Old magpies	5	
Old crows	5	
Old raven	5	
Old hawks	5	
Young magpies, crows, ravens, hawks & eggs	1 each	

The organization is asking all farmers and others to take a membership in the club. The fee is one dollar and this fund will be used to sponsor the program. Membership cards may be had by contacting Bob Geer, A. H. Cable, Claude Upham, Frank Bilderback and Frank Hackler.

The first six prizes will range from \$30.00 to \$5.00 inclusive, and additional cash and merchandise awards will be given other contestants. The territory consists of Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo. The contestants can take their identification of predators to Frank Bilderback at Hale's Confectionery, including heads of old magpies, crows and hawks, all eggs and all young birds. Bring pelts in for coyotes, skunks and weasels.

The program has proven very popular with young hunters in past years.

## RESERVOIR LAGS AS COLD COMES

J. M. Spencer, manager of the Hermiston Irrigation district, stated this week that to date there are only about 5000 feet of water in Cold Springs reservoir, or about one-half the normal level at this time of year. Although the feed canal has been running steady since November, there is not sufficient flow in the Umatilla river to fill the canal. Due to extreme dry conditions in the mountains this year, the streams have been much lower than usual.

To date the cold weather has not seriously hampered the flow in the feed canal but considerable ice has formed. Should it get much colder, the ice will make the flow impossible.

## TURKEY PICKING AGAIN STARTED

Operations at the local plant of Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers again got underway after Christmas and will continue, except for Sunday and Monday (New Year's Day), until all birds now ready for market are cleaned up.

John Jendrzewski, president, estimates that there will be approximately 8000 to 9000 birds killed in the present run.

### Miss Pieper Resigns Position

Miss LaDesca Pieper, who has held the position of stenographer at Hermiston high school for some time, resigned her position last week and has moved to Hoquiam, Wash., to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pieper. Mr. Pieper was formerly a meat cutter at the Hermiston Food Store. LaDesca was accompanied to Hoquiam by her sister who has been employed in Umatilla. Miss Marion Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pierce, will assume the office duties at the high school at the reopening of school January 2.

## COUNCIL NAMES M. SMALLWOOD FOR CITY WORK

At a recent meeting of the Hermiston city council, Mora Smallwood was named the new water and sewer superintendent, effective the first of the year. He will succeed Kenneth Gibbs who has been in charge of the sewer disposal plant and new water system since its beginning. The change has been made due to the likely induction of Mr. Gibbs into the armed forces.

Mr. Smallwood, who at present is employed at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, has had several years of experience in this line of work and comes well recommended. Mr. Gibbs is not being released but will remain a city employee until he is called. It is probable that his duties will be divided between the sewer, water and street departments.

Other items discussed at the council meeting were the possible construction of a city hall to house all city equipment. The need for such a structure has been felt for some time. The council also voted to contribute to the Teen Club now being operated at the USO club every Tuesday and Thursday nights.

## CHRISTLEY RITES HELD ON SUNDAY

The death of Mrs. Emma Nellie Christley occurred Friday morning at the home of her son, J. Dell Christley, in the Columbia district, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Christley was born March 18, 1868, in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and was united in marriage with A. Christley 55 years ago this Christmas. Mr. Christley preceded her in death eight years ago.

The Christleys came to Oregon in 1917 and from Baker to Hermiston in 1927. Mrs. Christley was a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. She was a direct descendant of Jacob Smith, English emigrant, who arrived in Boston 16 years after the Mayflower landing, and of Ann Martin, mentioned in Whittier's poem, "The Maid of Salem."

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Prann chapel with Rev. W. A. MacArthur of the Methodist church officiating, and burial was in Hermiston cemetery.

## QUOTAS SLASHED AGAIN ON TIRES

Sharp reduction in January quota of smaller truck tires for the Portland OPA district as well as nationally is the direct result of large Army replacement needs on the western borders of Germany, Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, announced today, with a drop of 739 tires noted for January.

In the large truck tires there are 657 fewer for January, a reduction sufficient to cause concern as replacement demands remain at a high level, Janney pointed out.

In grade 1 passenger car tires, a cut of 800 was made in January. Production of these was reduced to free manpower to build more truck tires, he explained. "Careful screening of all applications will be absolutely necessary," he emphasized.

### Lt. Felthouse Visitor Here

Lt. Willard W. Felthouse Jr., U.S.N.R. stationed at Fleet Air, Alameda, Calif., is a visitor in Hermiston this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Felthouse. Lt. Felthouse, who entered the service in August, 1942, is serving under Admiral Ragsdale, Commander, Fleet Air naval base. His family is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Casey, at Walla Walla.

### Sgt. Lindner Visits Here

Sgt. Wayne Lindner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lindner, is spending a furlough in Hermiston prior to reporting January 5 at Dover, Del., where he is connected with a Technical Order department. Wayne has been in the service almost two years, all of that time being spent in the United States.

## WAR BONDS in Action



Signal Corps Photo

Out of a transport, into the early grey dawn and down behind the enemy lines in France goes this paratrooper. An American boy, willing to give his all that freedom may remain ours. Support him and his buddies by doing all you can at home—by buying War Bonds regularly.

U. S. Treasury Department

## PHEASANT CAFE TO OPEN AGAIN ON JANUARY 3RD

Ben Conner, proprietor of the Pheasant Cafe, is making an announcement on Page Six of this issue of the reopening of the cafe on January 3rd. The cafe has been closed for several weeks for renovation purposes. Mr. Conner states that his concern will be open each day from 6:00 a. m. to 1:00 a. m.

The entire interior has been re-arranged and refinished. Booths have been moved closer to the front and a portion of the former lunch counter moved back. This arrangement, states Mr. Conner, will make it easier to serve for the waitresses making quicker service possible.

A new tap bar has been installed in the rear, somewhat separating this department from the restaurant portion. Other new improvements have also been made. The entire interior has been repainted and re-decorated.

## ESTLES RECEIVE PURPLE HEART

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Estle have received the Award of the Purple Heart and certificate of the son, Robert Clair Estle, Gunner's Mate Third Class, U. S. Naval Reserve, who was killed in action some time ago. A letter describing the circumstances of his death has also been received, portions of which follow:

"Our ship, the U.S.S. St. Lo was one of a group of six CVE's which, with our escorts, engaged in air and surface action with a strong force of the Japanese fleet for several hours on October 25th. The enemy finally turned and retired to the northward, badly damaged, and having had two heavy cruisers and at least one destroyer sunk.

"After some time following the end of the surface engagement, during an air attack, a Japanese bomb penetrated to our hangar deck spaces and exploded. This was followed by a series of violent explosions which caused such damage that the ship sunk in a short time. Your son received serious injuries from one of the explosions, but nonetheless during the abandoning of the ship, distinguished himself by his heroism in clearing away life rafts on the port gun gallery forward.

"His actions without doubt saved the lives of many shipmates. He then abandoned ship, reached a raft, and was rescued by the destroyer, Heerman, but died on board that vessel as a result of his wounds on the night of October 27th, and was buried at sea on October 28th. The burial was attended by all survivors on board who were not too badly wounded."

The letter was written by Capt. Francis J. McKenna, N. S. Navy.

## BULLDOGS WIN AT RICHLAND IN EXCITING TILT

Richland's Columbia high school basketball team was defeated last Friday night, 37 to 24, by a fast, aggressive Hermiston five. Sparked by Dick Belt, who couldn't miss the hoop, and as a result, was responsible for five baskets and a gift shot, the Hermiston team piled up a 13-point victory margin during the third quarter of the game.

This was a Christmas game that really looked the part. The Richland Beavers were in bright green, and the Hermiston team in bright red. All that was needed to make the affair completely festive was a sprig of holly around their necks.

The game started off fast, with the lead changing hands several times in the first half. The first quarter ended with Richland leading 7 to 5, and the teams played evenly in the second period. Matott sinking a nice basket just as the half horn sounded to put Hermiston in the lead, 12 to 10. Hermiston then found the hoop and staked a claim on it in the third quarter and went out in front, 24 to 11, a lead they held for the rest of the game despite the desperate efforts of the Beavers to come back. Standout player for Richland was Grubb, who sunk three and made five out of six free buckets for a total of 11 points.

More exciting was the opener, a game between the Junior Varsity teams of the two schools. Hermiston led all during this game, until the final quarter, when the Richland five took up a 16 point slack to tie the score 23-all just as the final horn sounded. Richland won the game in the overtime period, 28 to 25.

Starters and subs in the Junior Varsity game were: Richland—Whaley, Sheeley, Brewer, Colgate, Murphy, Yaggi, Cave, Hinkson and Crowder; Hermiston—Richards, Sires, Jensen, J. Belt, Johnson, Norton, Gimbel, Follett, Rugg and Hughes.

Hermiston 37	24	Richland
Matott 5	F	11 Grubb
Coanor 6	F	4 Helgerson
D. Belt, 11	C	5 Dam
Wilcox 5	G	4 Ludwig
Harkenrider 6	G	5 Sircolomb
Substitutes: Hermiston—Keller 4, Jensen and Pierson; Richland—Murphy and Van Clippard.		

## EASTERN STAR NAMES OFFICERS

New officers have been elected and appointed for Queen Esther chapter, Eastern Star, Hermiston. Public installation will be held on January 10th in Hermiston.

Officers follow: Worthy Matron, Rachel Jackson; Worthy Patron, Miles Baragar; Associate Matron, Inez McCormick; Associate Patron, Dorsay Johnson; Secretary, Nellie Sloan; Treasurer, Nell Arnold; Conductress, Eleanor Dudley; Associate Conductress, Catherine Sommerer; Marshal, Grace Plass; Chaplain, Bess Humphreys; Organist, Chloe Refvem; Adah, Pauline Moyer; Ruth, Frances Ebert; Esther, Inez Huffmann; Martha, Dena Tillery; Electa, Helen Casper; Warder, Thelma Harkenrider; Sentinel, Claude McCall.

The annual Christmas party was held Wednesday night in the local hall with an exchange of gifts and "open house" enjoyed.

## BOB HARRIS BABY DIES SUDDENLY

Robert Jackson Harris Jr., six months old son of Pvt. Bob Harris, became desperately ill Sunday and was rushed to the Hermiston General hospital where he passed away a few hours later. Mrs. Harris and son have been residing with Mr. and Mrs. George Harris in Cox addition.

Pvt. Harris, who is with the armed forces, was notified by telegram and arrived home late Wednesday night. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from Prann's Funeral Parlors with Rev. W. A. MacArthur in charge. Interment will be in the Hermiston cemetery.

## HOUSEWIVES TO PAY MORE RATION POINTS UNDER NEW RULING

### FOOD SUPPLIES TOLD LOWER

Warned by Price Chief Chester Bowles that many of the nation's food supplies are at the war's lowest ebb, housewives Tuesday began paying out blue points again for most canned vegetables and prepared to dole out red points beginning Sunday for meat that has been point-free for many months.

Would-be hoarders were caught unawares by the suddenness of the OPA's move, which was advanced at least 24 hours, due to premature circulation of reports that OPA was going to broaden the food rationing program.

The situation, in brief, is this: As of Monday midnight all ration-free vegetables are now back on the ration list. This includes asparagus, green and waxed beans, corn, spinach and peas. Asparagus, beans and spinach are 10 points and corn and peas 20 points for No. 2 cans.

Beginning Sunday 85 per cent of all now ration-free meats will go back on the ration list. The OPA was not too worried about hoarding of meat, because it is too difficult to keep. Meats included are utility beef, better grades and cuts of veal, bacon, pork shoulders, spareribs, beef and veal liver, some sausages and meats in tin or glass containers. Point values will range from 1 to 13.

All red and blue ration stamps validated after December 1 are no longer valid. All sugar stamps except No. 34 are no longer valid. A new sugar stamp will be issued February 1, but it will be for five pounds over a three-month period instead of the present two and a half months.

Butter is up from 20 to 24 points. Gasoline ration coupons B-4, C-4 and fourth-quarter T will expire on December 31, the OPA announced Tuesday.

Few B-4 and C-4 coupons are still outstanding, OPA said, because local ration boards halted their issuance last August. The fourth-quarter T coupons for trucks, taxis and buses were issued for use in the fourth quarter only and their invalidation is intended to prevent leftover coupons from being used illegally.

A rationing calendar of coupons that are now valid appears on page six of this issue.

## RAY SHAW HOME ON SHORT LEAVE

Ray Shaw, Yeoman Third Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw, is spending a week's leave prior to reporting at Los Angeles on January 4 for further duty with the U. S. Navy. Ray recently returned from 11 months overseas service, mostly in the South Pacific. His ship participated in the invasion of the Marianas and Marshall Islands, and he has also visited Makin and many others.

Ray has experienced many of the thrills of combat as well as many of its horrors. He is a "pointer" on a 20 m.m. gun while at battle station. On several occasions he has been ashore following shelling from sea and has seen numerous Jap dead.

He enlisted in the Navy September 25, 1943, and since that time has seen considerable activity.

### Hales Are Now Grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale were happy recipients of a unique Christmas present this year with the announcement of the birth of a baby boy on Christmas eve to Capt. and Mrs. Rodney B. Shoen in the Brook General Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Shoen is the former Miss Claudine Hale. The little fellow, who weighed seven pounds, one ounce at birth, has been named Ronald Kermit. He is the first grandson on both sides of the family and naturally is quite the hero.

